

REMARKS

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested prior to the first Office Action and prior to the calculation of the filing fee for the subject application. After entry of this Amendment, claims 1 - 2, and 4 - 11 are pending in the application. Claims 1 - 2, 4, and 9 - 11 have been amended. Claims 3 and 13 have been cancelled. The Amendment to the claims and specification incorporates the changes in the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36.

It is submitted that this Amendment has antecedent basis in the application as originally filed, including the specification, claims and drawings, and that this Amendment does not add any new subject matter to the application. Consideration of the application as amended is requested. It is submitted that this Amendment places the application in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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